

### Abstract of the Disclosure

A scheduling system for an MFP to provided scheduled readiness of the MFP includes an MFP having an EMail address associated therewith; an EMail system for generating user EMAILS and transmitting the generated EMAILS; a readiness specification which is  
5 contained in a user-generated EMail and which sets parameters controlling the readiness of the MFP; an acknowledgment mechanism in the MFP for generating a reply EMail, indicating that the readiness specification has been received and entered; and an error message generator in the MFP for generating a reply EMail indicating that the readiness specification has not been entered.